

## --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

### 1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to roach and rodent traps for use in capturing and exterminating roaches, mice, etc., and, more particularly, to an improved trap with an adhesive and bait area.

### 2. General Background

The adhesive trap disclosed in U.S. Patent No. Des. 260, 418, J.T. Eaton & Company, Inc., on the application of S.Z. Baker, et al., provides a tray with adhesive bait therein. It is easy for someone to step into the adhesive and ruin the trap and/or create a mess. Further, if the tray is inadvertently turned over on its top, the insect or rodent cannot get to and be trapped by the adhesive bait.

I have determined that the addition of a protuberance on the tray allows the tray to attract and trap roaches even if it is turned over.

## SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

The preferred embodiment of the improved roach trap of the present invention solves the aforementioned problems in a straight forward and simple manner.

What is provided is a roach trap comprising: a rectangular tray for holding an adhesive and/or insect or rodent bait, the contiguous side walls of the tray having a contiguous overhanging lip; of the four side walls and corresponding lip portions, one of

the lips has near its midpoint a protuberance or leg depending upwardly therefrom, so that when the tray is turned over, the protuberance creates a space which allows an insect (or rodent) to reach the adhesive (and bait) provided in the tray.

In view of the above an object of the present invention is to provide an roach trap that can be placed with the bait and adhesive face down.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

For a further understanding of the nature and objects of the present invention, reference should be had to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which like parts are given like reference numerals and, wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a top perspective view of the improved trap of the present invention;

FIGURE 2 is a side view of the trap of FIGURE 1 in an inverted position illustrating how roaches gain access to a position to reach the adhesive; and,

FIGURE 3 is a the same view of the trap as in FIGURE 1, but illustrating how roaches are captured.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now to the drawing, and in particular FIGURE 1, roach trap 10 of the present invention comprises a tray 12, preferably of plastic, rectangular in shape and having a depth of about 1/4 " (0.25 inch). The contiguous side walls 13 have,